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SUBJECT: REPLY TO 4TH OF JULY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AHIDJO  
TO PRESIDENT FORD.

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING TO PRESIDENT AHIDJO. QUOTE:  
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF  
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND  
NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE AS A NATION  
SYMBOLIZES THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH  
HAVE LONG CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES.  
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AHIDJO WAS SENT DIRECTLY TO

WHITE HOUSE. QUOTE: ON THE OCCASION OF THE 199TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
IT IS MY ESPECIAL PLEASURE TO CONVEY TO YOU MY WARMEST  
CONGRATULATIONS. I ALSO AVAIL MYSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO EXTEND MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL WELL-BEING, FOR  
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THE STRENGTHENING OF THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION

WHICH HAVE LONG EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND FOR  
THE PROSPERITY OF OUR PEOPLES.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY

VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJEC-  
TION TO RELEASE BY GURC. KISSINGER

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